

1. A minimum of **1200 rounds of factory new ammunition.** No re-loaded or remanufactured ammunition is permitted.
2. A service handgun of a make and caliber approved by the officer's county. (See additional specifications below).
3. Muff type-hearing protectors having a minimum noise suppression rating of 25 decibels.
4. Any officer participating in a Commission-conducted or approved county-conducted basic training (FETC Course 1) range event is strongly recommended to wear body armor. The armor may be worn externally or concealed. This policy applies to both students and instructors. The Commission strongly recommends the body armor meet NIJ standards for Threat Level II, IIa or III. Standards and manner of wear are at the discretion of the officer's county/agency.
5. Approved eye protection with shatterproof lenses.
6. A baseball type hat with a brim.
7. A sturdy waist belt capable of securely supporting the handgun and holster through a great deal of drawing and holstering. A belt of at least 1 and 1/8 inches width is recommended.
8. A sturdy top-draw or front break holster of the same type worn on duty. The holster may be of leather or man-made materials and must be worn on the same side as the strong hand. Holsters built into fanny packs, purses, and so on are prohibited, as are cross-draw holsters, inside waistband holsters, shoulder holsters and ankle holsters. **The holster material or strap must cover the trigger and be able to be securely fastened to the officer's belt.** The holster may be a paddle type holster, however it must have some type of device attached to the holster that secures the holster to the belt or inside the pants.
9. For revolvers, speed loaders and loading pouches should be used if they are worn on duty. If they are not routinely used on duty, they may not be used in qualification. Participants are permitted to use more than two (2) speed loaders, as long as it is the same number of speed loaders that they are authorized to carry on duty.
10. Pistol shooters must have a minimum of two (3) magazines. Magazine pouches are required if worn on duty. If not worn on duty, they should not be used in qualification. Participants are permitted to use more than two (3) magazines, as long as it is the same number of magazines that they are authorized to carry on duty.
11. All students must have suitable handgun cleaning materials and equipment. The cleaning equipment must be appropriate to the handgun being used and include nylon or brass brushes, patches, solvent, rod and proper sized rod tip.
12. Experience recommends that all students bring adhesive tape and band-aids for wrapping thumbs and forefingers.
13. Pistol shooters may bring a portable mechanical magazine hand loader for their pistol magazines.

14. For personal equipment, students should wear clothing appropriate to weather conditions. Baseball type caps must be worn and sun-blocking protection should be used when needed. Loose fitting full-length trousers with belt loops and front and rear pockets must be worn. It is essential that students wear sturdy, comfortable shoes that will remain comfortable through days of range training. Jackets and coats of the type worn for duty should be available for training. **For safety reasons the following items are not permitted to be worn on the range: rain type ponchos, shorts, sweat pants, and any hat or garment that is the color red or blaze orange.**
15. Students with small frame revolvers should have the revolver equipped with hand filling grips that are well fitted to the individual shooter's hand.
16. Students must bring a flashlight. The flashlight must have a pressure-activated switch and it must be a **minimum of 50,000-candle power or 60 lumens.** The Commission may approve alternate light systems.

### **AUTHORIZED HANDGUNS**

Only the following types of handguns will be permitted for use in training and qualification:

**CALIBER:** --- .380 ACP, .38 Special, .357 Magnum, .357 SIG, 9mm Luger, 10mm Auto, .40 S&W, .45 ACP, and .45 GAP.

**BARREL LENGTH:** ---Revolvers, no less than 2 inches and no more than 6 inches; Pistols, no less than 3 inches and no more than 6 inches.

Pistols and revolvers must have an internal mechanical device exclusive of the sear, that prevents a discharge if the firearm is struck with a sharp blow while cocked or de-cocked and the safety in the off position if the trigger is not depressed (i.e. a hammer block, drop safety, firing pin safety, etc.).

No firearms will be permitted to be used if the barrel, receiver, or trigger mechanism has been altered from the design and specifications of the original manufacturer, or if the weapon is deemed by the Range Officer in Charge or Master Instructor to be unsafe or in need of repair.

Pistols capable of being fired single action must have a mechanical de-cocking device. Pistols of this type that do not have a de-cocking device and must be de-cocked by pulling the trigger are prohibited.

**NOTE:** **Single action only pistols and revolvers are not permitted.**

### **HOLSTERS**

**HOLSTERS PERMITTED** (in general): ---Holsters shall be of the types that have a "primary retention device" in good working condition, fitting the firearm to be used, and holding the firearm securely. The holster must have some type of "primary retention device" which relies on something other than gravity or tension to retain the firearm in the holster. The holster material must cover the trigger, be of sturdy construction and be able to be securely fastened to the officer's belt. See Student Equipment Requirements, item #7, for specifications.